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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUPCOORDINATION OF PHOTOGRAPH FILES CONTAINING
FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE INFORMATIONMemorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence

1. By memorandum of 17 April 1946, ~~Mr. Alfred McCormack~~ then Special Assistant to the Secretary of State in charge of Research and Intelligence, suggested to the Director of Central Intelligence the desirability of coordinating the various files of photographs containing foreign intelligence information.

2. An informal ^{survey} of the matters mentioned in ~~Mr. McCormack's~~ *that* memorandum indicates the desirability of making a survey of these and related matters.

3. A draft C.I.G. Directive ordering such a survey is attached, as Appendix "A" hereto, and its approval by the Intelligence Advisory Board for issue is recommended.

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1. By memorandum dated 17 April 1946, ~~Mr. Alfred MacCannock~~ ^{The} then Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for Research and Intelligence, informed the Director of Central Intelligence that the Department of State had inherited from the former OSS, a collection of 300,000 photographs and 400,000 unprinted negatives of probable value as sources of intelligence information. ~~Mr. MacCannock's~~ ^{The} memorandum suggested that the Director initiate a study of the coordination of the several photographic files that are being actively maintained, so as to recommend:

- a. Procedures for the coordination of the collection, processing, filing and servicing of photo-intelligence materials;
- b. Whether or not a (central) photo-technical laboratory should be established to improve and maintain high technical quality of photo-intelligence materials;
- c. To which agency the Department of State's photo-intelligence file should be transferred.

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2. An informal survey by the Central Planning Staff indicates the desirability of coordinating the collection, distribution and filing of photographs containing intelligence information. As this falls within the mission of the Central Intelligence Group for planning the coordination of the collection of foreign intelligence information related to the national security, a formal survey will be made of the matters included in the memorandum cited in paragraph 1, above, and such related matters as concern photographs possessing foreign intelligence information value.

3. The Central Planning Staff will conduct the survey, which will include consideration of:

a. Types of foreign intelligence information in photograph files of the various departments and agencies of the Government and extent of coverage represented;

b. Types of foreign intelligence information currently being collected by means of photography and ~~which federal agencies are~~ *by whom collected.* ~~engaged in such collection;~~

c. Extent of duplication in the collecting of photographs with foreign intelligence information value and means for eliminating *undesirable* duplication of effort;

d. Nature of index maintained in each agency possessing or accumulating files of photographs containing foreign intelligence information;

e. Desirability and feasibility of establishing a central index covering all *related* photograph files in the Government and determination of the best system to be employed;

f. Practicability of establishing and maintaining standard procedures for processing, filing and distributing ~~of~~ photographs with foreign intelligence information value;

g. Desirability ~~for establishment~~ of establishing a central photo-technical laboratory to improve and maintain the quality of photo-information materials;

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h. Desirability ~~(or otherwise)~~ of establishing a central file of photo-information materials of intelligence value;

1. Budgetary provisions required for implementing such recommendations as result from study of the foregoing; ~~estimate of savings in funds to result from coordination of effort and elimination of duplication~~

1. Recommendation as to disposition of photographs and negatives referred to in ~~the~~ ^{the} cited memorandum.

4. The Central Planning Staff, in conducting the survey, is authorized to call upon the personnel indicated in paragraph 5, below, to appear and present such oral or written reports as may be required for the purposes of the survey.

5. Each of the following will be requested to designate qualified representatives to arrange details with Information Branch, Central Planning Staff, C.I.G., and to furnish to that branch a list of personnel authorized to give information for the purposes of the survey:

✓ a. The Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for Research and Intelligence;

✓ b. The Director of Intelligence, WDGS;

✓ c. The Chief of Naval Intelligence;

✓ d. The Assistant Chief of Air Staff, A-2;

e. The Chief Signal Officer;

f. The Chief of Engineers;

✓ g. The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation;

h. The Head of each other Department or agency of the Federal Government found to have active interest in the subject matter of the survey.

6. The Central Planning Staff will submit its findings, conclusions and recommendations to the Director of Central Intelligence, who will take appropriate action.

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